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TAGS: OVIP (FATTAH, ZAKARIA TAWFIK ABDEL), EAID, ETRD US,

SUBJECT: MIN TAWFIK'S VISIT AT STATE

1. MIN TAWFIK MET FOR 30 MINUTE COURTESY CALL WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY FRIDAY, MAY 26.
2. MINISTER EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR OUR EFFORTS TO ARRANGE MEDICAL TREATMENT AT WALTER REED AND GRATITUDE OF GOE AND EGYPTIAN PEOPLE FOR US AID. DEP SEC MADE FOLLOWING POINTS: (1) EGYPT MUST DO WHAT IT CAN TO UTILIZE OUR AID QUICKLY; (2) MUST CONTINUE TO GUARD AGAINST POSSIBLE CORRUPTION INVOLVING OUR PROGRAMS; AND (3) WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH GOE TO ACHIEVE PEACE IN THE AREA.
3. TAWFIK RESPONDED THAT HE TOO WAS CONCERNED ABOUT QUICK UTILIZATION OF OUR AID. HE EXPECTED NEW PURCHASING OFFICE IN US AND NEW GROUP UNDER PM TO HELP WITH PROBLEM. MINISTER

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SAID THAT CORRUPTION WOULD NOT BE TOLERATED AND ASKED US TO INFORM HIM IMMEDIATELY IF WE RECEIVED ANY INDICATIONS OF CORRUPTION INVOLVING OUR PROGRAMS. TAWFIK AGREED THAT "PEACE BASED ON JUSTICE" WAS A WORTHY GOAL AND NECESSARY IF EGYPT IS TO PROGRESS ECONOMICALLY. TAWFIK ALSO NOTED THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE ARAB NATIONS HAD "MOVED" FROM EARLIER POSITIONS AND ATTITUDES, IN THE HOPE OF SECURING MIDEAST

SETTLEMENT.

4. MINISTER ALSO MET WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY, WILLIAM BARRACLOUGH. TAWFIK SAID THAT EGYPT PRODUCES SOME OF THE 2700 ITEMS WHICH QUALIFY UNDER OUR GSP. MOST, HOWEVER, PRODUCED BY PRIVATE SECTOR AND TRADE ORIENTED TOWARD EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. MINISTER REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE TO HELP WITH PENETRATION OF US MARKETS FOR EGYPTIAN GOODS (MARKET RESEARCH, QUALITY CONTROL, ETC.) DAS BARRACLOUGH EXPLAINED PROBLEMS WE HAVE IN AIDING COUNTRIES TO EXPORT TO US. WE PREFER THAT COUNTRIES SEEK ASSISTANCE IN THIS AREA THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OR IN CONTACTS WITH US PRIVATE FIRMS. EGYPT-US BUSINESS COUNCIL ALSO MIGHT BE WILLING TO HELP THIS AREA.  
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